



**BOARD OF REGENTS  
Special Board Meeting  
Conference Call  
March 23, 2020**

**Call Information**  
**Dial: 1-443-353-0686**  
**Conference ID: 586 350 398**

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**AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SESSION**

**5:00 P.M. (approximately)**

Call to Order

Chair Gooden

I. Chancellor's Remarks

Chancellor Perman

2. [Reconvene to Closed Session](#)



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SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,  
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

**TOPIC:** Convening Closed Session

**COMMITTEE:** Committee of the Whole

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 23, 2020

**SUMMARY:** The Open Meetings Act permits public bodies to close their meetings to the public in special circumstances outlined in §3-305 of the Act and to carry out administrative functions exempted by §3-103 of the Act. The Board of Regents will now vote to reconvene in closed session. As required by law, the vote on the closing of the session will be recorded. A written statement of the reason(s) for closing the meeting, including a citation of the authority under §3-305 and a listing of the topics to be discussed, is available for public review.

It is possible that an issue could arise during a closed session that the Board determines should be discussed in open session or added to the closed session agenda for discussion. In that event, the Board would reconvene in open session to discuss the open session topic or to vote to reconvene in closed session to discuss the additional closed session topic.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** No alternative is suggested.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** The Chancellor recommends that the BOR vote to reconvene in closed session.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

DATE:

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSING A MEETING  
OF THE USM BOARD OF REGENTS

Date: March 23, 2020  
Time: Approximately 5:10 p.m.  
Location: Conference Call

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE A SESSION

Md. Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b):

- (1) To discuss:
  - [ ] (i) The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
  - [ ] (ii) Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
- (2) [ ] To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.
- (3) [ ] To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
- (4) [ ] To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
- (5) [ ] To consider the investment of public funds.
- (6) [ ] To consider the marketing of public securities.
- (7) [X] To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.
- (8) [ ] To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.
- (9) [ ] To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.

- (10) [ ] To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:
  - (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
  - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans.
- (11) [ ] To prepare, administer or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
- (12) [ ] To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
- (13) [ ] To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
- (14) [ ] Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.
- (15) [ ] To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to:
  - (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology;
  - (ii) network security information, including information that is:
    - 1. related to passwords, personal identification numbers, access codes, encryption, or other components of the security system of a governmental entity;
    - 2. collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity to prevent, detect, or investigate criminal activity; or
    - 3. related to an assessment, made by or for a governmental entity or maintained by a governmental entity, of the vulnerability of a network to criminal activity; or
  - (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices.

Md. Code, General Provisions Article §3-103(a)(1)(i):

- [X] Administrative Matters

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Legal advice related to legislative mandates and Governor's Executive Orders;
2. Report from staff about development of estimate of financial impact of COVID-19 response; and
3. Discussion regarding strategic communication with internal and external stakeholders.

REASON FOR CLOSING:

1. To maintain attorney-client privilege regarding consultation with legal counsel to obtain legal advice regarding various aspects of COVID-19 response (§3-305(b)(7); and
2. To handle administrative matters regarding financial impact assessment and strategies for USM communications with internal and external stakeholders (§3-103(a)(1)(i)).